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RESEARCH ON BUILDING MATERIALS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase research facilities for better use of building materials in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Structural Engineering Research Centre in Chennai has beenentrusted with the task of carrying out studies in this regard; and

(d) if so, details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) : Research on building materials is carried out in several CSIR laboratoriesincluding Central Fuel Research Institute (CFRI), Dhanbad, Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute (CGCRI) Calcutta, Central Mining Research Institute (CMRI) Dhanbad, Centr Building Research Institute (CBRI) Roorkee, Regional Research Laboratory (RRL), Thiruvananthapuram, Regional Researc Laboratory (RRL) Bhopal, Regional Research Laboratory (RRL), Bhubaneswar, Regional Research Laboratory (RRL), Jorhat. Th budgetary allocation to these laboratories has been consistently increasing. These laboratories have developed stablised mud blocks, clay flyash bricks, redmud polymer composites, flyash polymer composites etc.

(c) No Sir, SERC, Chennai deals mainly with studies of complex structures , including those relating to specialized buildings.

(d) Does not arise.